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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on amdmf filed 4/24/06.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

Claims 1-3 and 5-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Pat. 6650457.

Referring to Figs. 1-6 & 10-13, col. 7, lines 1-46, col. 8, lines 1-2, 59-61, col. 11, lines 42-49, and col. 12, lines 1-7, US'457 discloses the mirror as claimed, including a heater 26, an electrochromic dimmer 25, turn signal assembly 27 which abuts the reflective element, a single power distributor 28 distributing power to the plurality of functional elements (25, 26, 27), with a *planar* support member 66 between the reflective member and its carrier (element 44, etc.) in registry with the periphery of a reflective element carrier 44, the support member comprising a power connector 81, first 25, second 26, and third 27 power leads connected to the plurality of functional elements by "arrays" of conductive material, i.e., wires, and "conductive tracings" indicating an "array of conductive elements" as recited.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

Claims 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US'457.

While US'457 does not explicitly disclose a ribbon type power connector, this does not patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. US'457 does disclose the power supply 23 to comprise a "bundle," which is commonly implemented in the form of a ribbon connector to accommodate the plurality of control wires; hence it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to so implement the wires of US'457.

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph M. Pelham whose telephone number is 571-272-4786. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 571-272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Pelmar', written in a cursive style.

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